

FEDERAL AID SECTION 7 EVALUATION FORM

PHASE I: COMPLETED BY STATE

State: Michigan
Agency: Natural Resources/Fisheries
Program: Au Sable River – Grayling Millpond Dam Modification

Grant Proposal, Agreement, or Amendment Title and Number: Grant Agreement
Effective Dates: October 1, 2001 to September 30, 2002

Species/Critical Habitat: No species or designated critical habitat occurs within the project area.

Project Description:

Please see attached “environmental assessment” – Grayling Millpond Dam Modification

State Review & Recommendation: The effects of the proposed project on species/critical habitat occurring within the action area. Check (X) all applicable recommendations.

- a) No Species/Critical Habitat Present: X
b) No Effect on Species/Critical Habitat Present: _____
c) Is Not Likely to Adversely Affect: _____
d) Is Likely to Adversely Affect: _____

Documentation of State Recommendation:

No listed species or designated critical habitat occurs in these areas.

All proposed work will minimize wetland impacts allowing for gradual conversion from ponded wetland to wetland meadow. Vegetation will stabilize sediments and convert naturally.

State Signatures: (signature indicates impacts on all federally listed species within the applicable State have been considered and documented)

State Endangered Species Coordinator:
Patrick E. Lederle

P Lederle Date July 30, 2001

State Federal Aid Coordinator:
Eric Sink

Eric Sink Date July 30, 2001

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PHASE II: COMPLETED BY U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

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Federal Aid Determination: Determination of the effects of the proposed action on endangered, threatened, proposed, and candidate species and their proposed or designated critical habitat.

If Federal Aid concurs with the State's recommendation(s) of:

"No Effect" then the requirements of section 7 are fulfilled and the proposed project may be approved

"Not Likely to Adversely Affect" then the requirements of section 7 are fulfilled, and the proposed project may be approved. Ecological Service Field Office (ESO) concurrence may be requested at the discretion of the State Endangered Species Coordinator or the Federal Aid Specialist.

"Likely to Adversely Affect" then Federal Aid must request formal consultation with the appropriate ESO. If a grant document is composed of actions that are *"Not Likely to Adversely Affect,"* Federal Aid may approve such actions provided all *"Likely to Adversely Affect"* activities are excluded from the project proposal.

If Federal Aid does not concur with the State's recommendation(s), the proposed project will be reviewed by the appropriate ESO. The Federal Aid Specialist will provide a written explanation of its determination.

Concurrence: XX Nonconcurrence:

Federal Aid Specialist: David Pederson Date: 08/20/01
David Pederson

ESO Determination (if requested):

Concurrence: _____ Nonconcurrence: _____

Ecological Services Office: _____ Date: _____
(reviewing section 7 biologist)



MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

INTEROFFICE COMMUNICATION

August 14, 2001

TO: Steven Sendek, Fisheries Division

FROM: Lori G. Sargent, Endangered Species Specialist, Wildlife Division

SUBJECT: Proposed Grayling Millpond Dam Modification

The location of the proposed project was checked against known localities for rare species and unique natural features, which are recorded in a statewide database. This continuously updated database is a comprehensive source of information on Michigan's endangered, threatened and special concern species, exemplary natural communities and other unique natural features. Records in the database indicate that a qualified observer has documented the presence of special natural features at a site. The absence of records may mean that a site has not been surveyed. Records may not always be up-to-date. In some cases, the only way to obtain a definitive statement on the presence of rare species is to have a competent biologist perform a field survey.

Under Act 451 of 1994, the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, Part 365, Endangered Species Protection, "a person shall not take, possess, transport, ...fish, plants, and wildlife indigenous to the state and determined to be endangered or threatened," unless first receiving an Endangered Species Permit from the Department of Natural Resources, Wildlife Division. *Responsibility to protect endangered and threatened species is not limited to the list below. Other species may be present that have not been recorded in the database.*

The presence of threatened or endangered species does not preclude activities or development, but may require alterations in the project plan. Special concern species are not protected under endangered species legislation, but recommendations regarding their protection may be provided. Protection of special concern species will help prevent them from declining to the point of being listed as threatened or endangered in the future.

The following is a summary of the results for the project in Crawford County, T26N R4W section 12.

The project should have no impact on the special natural features at the location(s) specified if it proceeds according to the plans provided. Please contact me for an evaluation if the project plans are changed.

Thank you for your advance coordination in addressing the protection of Michigan's natural resource heritage. If you have further questions I can be reached at 517-373-1263.

LGS:jao

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